

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF TIMING OF ACTIVITY (ASC)

This form is for use in obtaining approval from the **Atlantic Salmon Commission (ASC)** for the timing of certain projects in accordance with Chapter 305 Permit by Rule Standards

To be filled out by applicant: (Instructions are on the back of this form)

1.	Applicant's name: _____ Address: _____ _____ _____ Telephone: _____
2.	I plan to perform the following activity (please check the appropriate box): <input type="checkbox"/> Sec. 9 Utility crossings (if performed between Oct. 2 and July 14) <input type="checkbox"/> Sec.10 Stream crossings (if performed between Oct. 2 and July 14)
3.	Brief description of project: [Please include the name of the stream or waterbody, if known] _____ _____ _____
4.	I plan to perform this activity between the dates of _____ and _____. (start date) (end date)
5.	I have included a map showing the location of my project. *[Please note that if no location map is provided, no approval will be granted by ASC]
6.	Send completed form to: Atlantic Salmon Commission 650 State Street Bangor, ME 04401 Attn: Norm Dube, Fisheries Scientist

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The Commission has reviewed the proposed timing of the activity identified above and:		
<input type="checkbox"/> approves of the project's timing as proposed.		
<input type="checkbox"/> requires that the project's timing be changed to occur between _____ and _____ (end date) (start date)		
_____ Commission representative	_____ Position	_____ Date

Getting Approval

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1. When do I need to get approval from the Atlantic Salmon Commission (ASC) before filing a Permit by Rule Notification Form with the DEP?

You need to get approval for the timing of your project if it involves:

- ☐ constructing a submerged utility crossing between October 2 and July 14 (Section 9 of PBR),
or
- ☐ constructing a stream crossing between October 2 and July 14 (Section 10 of PBR).

2. Why does the ASC care about when I construct my project?

The ASC is responsible for managing the health and welfare of Maine's Atlantic Salmon including the habitat used by them. The ASC knows which rivers and streams Atlantic Salmon use and these include many rivers and streams other than those listed in the State's Atlantic Salmon Conservation Plan. They also know when certain kinds of activities should or shouldn't take place in our rivers and streams. For this reason, ASC biologists need to review the potential impacts on the Atlantic Salmon by activities taking place in our fresh, inland waters. The ASC has specific concerns about those activities described above that take place in the winter and spring.

3. How do I get ASC approval?

Simply check the box in front of the activity you are proposing and write in the dates when you plan to do it. Then mail this form, along with a copy of the PBR Notification Form and the location map, to the address shown. Once received, an ASC biologist will check the location of your project. If there are concerns about your project's impact on Atlantic Salmon during the time you propose to construct your project, ASC will recommend an alternative time to construct the project. If there are no concerns, the biologist will simply check off the form and return it to you: no change in plans will be required of you.

4. How long will it take to get ASC approval?

The DEP has asked that ASC review the "Request for Approval" within 2 weeks of receiving it. Once reviewed, ASC will return the form directly to you. You then submit the form to the department along with the PBR Notification Form.

5. What if ASC doesn't approve the timing of my project?

If the dates you propose for construction are not approved, the ASC will recommend another time when the work can take place. If you do not feel you can construct your project during the new dates approved by the ASC, you will need to contact the Fisheries Scientist at (207) 941-4453. It may be possible for you and the ASC to agree on a different time frame if certain aspects of your project are changed.